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Mr. Keith G. O'Brien
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Dear Mr. O'Brien:

I have received your letter dated March 4, 2010 regarding the planned filing by Escanaba & Lake Railroad Company (ELS) of a Petition for Exemption pursuant to 49 CFR 1152.60, Subpart G, for the abandonment of 42.93 miles of railroad track in Ontonagon and Houghton counties, Michigan.

Because the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) no longer regulates intrastate railroad activities by virtue of the transfer of such authority to the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT), I have forwarded the information enclosed with your March 4, 2010 letter to:

Melvin G. Williams
Michigan Department of Transportation
Bureau of Aeronautics and Freight Services
2700 Port Lansing Rd.
Lansing, MI 48906-2160

Sincerely:

Robert W. Kehres, Director
Regulatory Affairs Division

cc: Melvin G. Williams
Section of Environmental Analysis, Surface Transportation Board

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